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In re Application of:)
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper is an Amendment And Response to the non-final Office Action mailed August 22, 2003. Enclosed is a Petition for one-month extension of time, through and including December 22, 2003. Please charge this, and any other fees that may be due with this filing, to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account no. 50-1814.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection, and allowance of the claims in view of the remarks set forth below.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.